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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

- JP 2003-224715 The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.
  - 2. JP 55-133179
  - JP 6-348842
  - 4. JP 7-262368
  - JP 8-22539
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English-language abstracts of the documents are enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of non-English documents 2-6 above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the international application from which this application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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